



**“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy  
in creative expression and knowledge.” Albert Einstein**

**GFWC Education Community Service Program  
Top Projects from the 2017 Award Entries**

**Computer Club**

One computer savvy member of the **Woman’s Club of Danbury/New Fairfield (CT)** provides customized one hour computer lessons for members who, in turn, pay \$10 to the club for the service. The money then is donated to two libraries.

**Book Fairy Project**

Members of the **GFWC North Pinellas Woman’s Club (FL)** collect and distribute gently used children’s books from The Florida Future Educations Association (FFEA) at the local high school. Members met at the high school, sorting the books into bins by grade/age level. Books were stored for distribution during the year and donated to teachers for classroom use and for students to take home, as well as to camps, family centers, after school programs, and the foster care system, through partnerships with other community organizations.

**Reading Reduces Recidivism Program (3 R’s)**

The **Mount Prospect Woman’s Club (IL)** began soliciting their community for book donations for the 3R’s program of the Illinois prison system. The club as able to deliver 1,235 books to 5 prisons libraries through contacts made at libraries.

**Tools for School**

The **Dennis Yarmouth Woman’s Club (MA)** provided 37 baskets of classroom supplies to help local school teachers offset some out-of-pocket expenses. Supplies included paper towels, tissues, crayons, markers, stickers, glue sticks, tape, hand sanitizers, and a bouquet of flower pens for the teacher’s desk. A different school is chosen each year.

**Book Swap**

To celebrate National Reading Month, the **Millington Junior Women’s Club (MI)** sponsored a Book Swap for the students at a local elementary school. Students could bring up to three books from home to swap for the same number of books brought by other students.

**Books Alive**

Collaborating with local businesses, the **Bremen Junior Woman’s Club (GA)** sponsored a Books Alive program for their community. Each Thursday, during the month of June, a reading program was given to children that featured activities for all types of learners. Themes included: “Character Night” where teachers dressed as their favorite character from a book that they read to the children, “Science Night” that featured a partnership with Georgia Youth Science Technology Center and a simulator, “Cat in the Hat Night” that included rhyming and figurative language, and “Veggie Tales Night” that taught children how to eat healthy.

**Dictionary Project**

One of the annual projects of the **Menominee Woman’s Club (MI)** is giving dictionaries to all third grade students in their county. A team of members goes to each classroom to distribute the dictionaries and then explains GFWC and their projects to the children,

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as well as giving an explanation of how to use the dictionary.

### **The Grind, the Campground, and the Little Free Library**

When looking for a site for their Little Free Library, the **Manistique Woman's Club (MI)** partnered with students from their local high school who were opening a coffeehouse called the "The Grind." While the students worked with a local credit union to remodel and operate the coffeehouse, the Woman's Club applied for and received a GFWC Literacy Grant to build a Little Free Library inside the coffeehouse. The Woman's Club also worked with the city to build another Little Free Library at a new campground in the area.

### **Lifelong Learning for Seniors**

The **Beresford Progress Club (SD)** presented an educational program to residents of a local nursing home about state funding of education. After the presentation, the members served lunch to the residents and gave the home a donation towards their activity fund.

### **Education Community Service Table**

The **Mesquite Club of Las Vegas (NV)** created a table at their club meetings and events for members to donate school supplies for a local school.

## **GFWC FLORIDA EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

### **LIBRARY IDEAS**

Support your local library; Hold club meeting/events and host story hours at your local library; Start and maintain a lending library for members in your clubhouse.

### **SCHOOL IDEAS**

Donate school supplies throughout the year to local schools; Support STEM Education (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) and Robotics Education in local schools; Support teacher recognition with Teacher of the Year and Rookie of the Year events in local schools. Purchase a Florida "License For Learning" license plate tag with a proceed going to enhance your local county's CFEF Education Foundation.

### **LITERACY IDEAS**

Support Books for Babies/Book Fairy literacy programs; Donate children's books to local laundromats, homeless/domestic abuse shelters; Help adults obtain their GED; Participate/support students with Dyslexia; Donate books/magazines to senior centers.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Honor students with financial or personal hardships with scholarships; Support/sponsor/mentor a student in Take Stock in Children Florida College Scholarship Program.

### **EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO)**

ESO provides GFWC clubwomen with a structured reading program that is educational and stimulates a desire for self-improvement. ESO materials available online at [www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/community-service-programs/epsilon-sigma-omicron](http://www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/community-service-programs/epsilon-sigma-omicron).

### **GFWC FOCUS ON LITERACY CLUB GRANTS**

Thanks to Proctor & Gamble, GFWC is pleased to offer grants, in amounts up to \$200, to promote club literacy programs. To improve existing programs or create new ones. Grant applications available [www.GFWC.org/membership/awards-contests-and-grants/](http://www.GFWC.org/membership/awards-contests-and-grants/).

### **GFWC PARTNERSHIP – HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership)**

Support a high school sophomore for \$395 covering the cost of meals, lodging, and leadership training materials for a HOBY Florida Leadership Seminar weekend.

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